



**UPSTATE MEDIA MEETING:** (clockwise starting in upper left corner) John Camelio's shoulder, Arthur Tsuchiya, Henry Baker, Darrell Westlake, Jon Held, Vince Doody, Lance Wisniewski, Hal Schlid, Richard Phillips, Jon Held, Carl Geiger, Phil Jones, Ralph Hocking, Bob Shay, Sherry Miller, Pat Faust.

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## Upstate Media Groups Meet

On March 9th Synapse hosted the 1st Upstate meeting of non-profit media groups. The discussion centered on the formation of a Media Alliance Group, common problems we are all encountering, and funding patterns. Those present at the meeting were: Ralph Hocking & Sherry Miller of the Experimental TV Center; Carl Geiger & Lance Wisniewski of Innervision Media Systems; Phil Jones of Ithaca Video Project; David Shapiro of Media Study; Jon Held Jr. of Mid-York Library Systems; John Camelio & Bob Shay of Portable Channel; Vince Doody of SUNY Oswego, Media Programs; Hal Schlid of WTOP-TV, SUNY Cable; Henry Baker, Darrell Westlake, Bill Dargie of Synapse; Arthur Tsuchiya of Visual Studies Workshop; Richard Phillips of Utica; Pat Faust of WXXI-TV; and Tom Dewitt & Vibeke Sorensen of Electronic Body Arts.

The following statements were drafted at the end of the day:

- Those present agree to the necessity for an on-going coalition of NYS non-profit media groups to meet regularly, with a minimum of bureaucracy, to share information and resources.
- For initial purpose of communication and simple working methods, the coalition should hold upstate and downstate working meetings with information shared through identified coordinators.

3. The initial objectives will be to A.) establish simple, effective communications among ourselves and B.) to initiate a commonly created project to educate principal support sources (such as NYSCA) as to what the centers and groups are about and a definition/overview of our field.

Following the upstate meeting representatives went to NYC for the first in a continuing series of weekly meetings. The primary objective of the meetings is to establish a course for organizing and including the entire state of media groups in an alliance. A special Newsletter is being sent to every group who applied to the New York State Council on the Arts, TV/Media Department. This newsletter will include minutes from the meetings of the past months, a list of addresses for every group who will receive the Newsletter, the resume of the new Director of TV/Media at NYSCA, and a profile questionnaire. Copies of this newsletter are available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to Media Alliance Newsletter c/o Synapse, 103 College Place, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 or in NYC write c/o Davidson Gigliotti, 537 Broadway, NYC 10012.

## Statewide NY Meeting June 9

All New York State non-profit media groups are invited and strongly urged to attend the upcoming statewide meeting. See the adjoining column "Upstate Media Groups Meet" for some background on this meeting.

The next statewide meeting will be held at the Everson Museum, 401 Harrison St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13202 on June 9th. Mark this on your calendar! This will be a major meeting, setting the course for future developments in the media field.

Although not entirely formulated at press time, the agenda looks to be shaping as follows:

Morning Forum: New York State Media Coalition (background and proposals) Speakers: Upstate and Downstate Committees. Workshops. Plenary Discussion and Proposals. Lunch.

Afternoon Forum: The Public Eye, The Private Dollar and Vice Versa. Speakers: John Giancola, TV/Media Director, NYSCA; George Eager, Assistant Director, Museum of American Indians. Workshops.

Groups requiring travel assistance are requested to apply for funds from the Media Bureau, c/o Joe Bishop, The Kitchen Center, 59 Wooster St., NYC 10012.

Conference Information: call Henry Baker (315) 423-3100 or Davidson Gigliotti (212) 966-0812.